

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated June 16, 2005, the Examiner states that Claims 1-34 are pending, Claims 1-12 are rejected and Claims 13-34 are withdrawn. By the present Amendment, Applicants amend the specification, the claims, and the drawings.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to with regard to various informalities with the reference numerals. The specification is also objected to with regard to various informalities with the reference numerals. The Applicants have amended the drawings and the specification to correct each of the informalities. No new matter has been added. It is noted, with regard to reference numeral 204d in Figure 65, this reference numeral is mentioned in the description at page 157, lines 18 and 20.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Itigashio (US 6,421,062) in view of Mizoguchi (US 5,805,215). The Applicants respectfully disagree with and traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended to include reference to social events, which is supported by the description at Page 33, line 23 through Page 35, line 3. The claims have not been amended in view of the above rejection or any other prior art reference.

Regarding independent Claims 1, 7 and 10, the rejection indicates that all features, except for the item consists of the occurrence time of event, is disclosed in Higashio, and that feature is disclosed in Mizoguchi. The Applicants disagree.

The rejection indicates that "an event of current and/or passing events information being stored with information database which memorizes the data one or more items, an event information retrieval means for extracting any event information within a predetermined range being correlation to time which is related to the original image by retrieving from the sorted data in the event information database with using one or more of the items" are disclosed in Higashio. However the fact is that the "retrieval means" in Higashio is the ability to choose the image (image data of the image) to be printed from a storage medium, such as a CD-ROM, by hitting a search key such as "birthday", "Christmas", or "Wedding anniversary" stored as index data in the CD-ROM for the image data. Based on such an event, information from the index

data or additionally inputted event information, an image processing with ornamental frames corresponding to the event information are given in order to add to the image data.

Next, what is disclosed in Mizoguchi is a personal information processing apparatus which as (A) image data inputting means, (B) event data inputting means, (C) a detector which detects whether first data associated with the image data is identical to second data associated with the event data, (D) storing means which stores the event data and the image data so as to be associated together directly when the detector detects that the first data is identical to or included in the second data, and (E) searching means for image data on the basis of the image data stored in the storing means. In summary, upon filling the image data, without necessitating the input works for the whole numerous classifying data to be needed for filing the image data, only by inputting a few pieces data, such as the occurrence time of the event, and correlating the inputted data (first data) to the already inputted data (second data), such as the schedule data of electronic personal organizer, and thus being capable of utilizing the second data for the filing, an efficient filing can be performed. However, the second data in Mizoguchi is also personal event data and thus a user must input such data at least one time. Mochizuki aims only to exclude the duplicate input for such data.

The subject matter of Claim 1 aims to print an image plus social, current and/or passing event information, namely social news. Higashio and Mizoguchi fail to disclose the use of social, current and/or passing event information. In this invention, as the data of social news, a database for general purposes use can be utilized, thus there is no need to input such data. Further, because social news is being used, the printing system can be for public or generic use, although it may also be for personal use.

Further, in Higashio, the event information to be used is personal or seasonal, and thus the user can expect with ease the contents regarding the ornamental frames. Thus, without such a system, the user can prepare relatively with ease a similar processed image. Even if Higashio is combined with Mochizuki, this point would not vary.

In the present invention, what is added to the image data is the social news. Thus, the user can not always recognize or expect the proper social news to be added to the image.

Further, there is no reasonable motivation for the combination of Higasio's information processing apparatus and Mizoguchi's detecting method using the time data (first data) for correlating to the already inputted data (second data) in the apparatus for storing additional data about an image, such as an electronic personal organizer.

Thus, the subject matter of the claims is not considered obvious from Higashio and Mizoguchi.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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